

ARTICLE APPEARED
IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Sec. 1 Pg. 1

CHICAGO TRIBUNE
6 October 1984

FBI agent, 2 Soviets don't fit international espionage profile

By Rogers Worthington

Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES—He was the unlikely of spy suspects: a short, boyish 51 with tousled gray hair sticking out of a baseball cap and his ruddy face set in a look somewhere between shame and vexation.

She was another matter: 34, short-haired, slight and agile, with a ferretlike intelligence in her eyes. Central casting could have sent her over as a younger Major Rosa Klebb, the murderous, stiletto-toed KGB nemesis of James Bond in "From Russia with Love."

Nikolay and Svetlana Ogorodnikov, an FBI court document charges, are covert KGB agents who conspired with Richard W. Miller, an FBI counterintelligence agent, to pass secret U.S. intelligence information to the Soviet Union. All three were arrested at their homes Tuesday night. If convicted, they could be imprisoned for life. Miller told a judge Friday that he intends to plead not guilty to the charges.

The arrests have raised an intriguing welter of contradictions and a number of questions among intelligence observers. For one, the Ogorodnikovs, with their high pro-

file in the emigre community as outspoken Soviet boosters, appeared to be anything but KGB agents.

"THE KGB WOULD never operate with such dunderheads," said Frank Snepp, a former CIA agent who teaches at the University of Southern California. "They were just too high profile. The M.O. [method of operation] just isn't there."

EXCERPTED